

**Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims**

Claims 1-11. (Canceled)

<sup>1</sup>  
Claim ~~12~~. (Currently Amended) A process for preparing dye-containing particles, comprising:  
preparing a solution of at least one dye and a water-insoluble polymer dissolved in a water-miscible organic solvent; and  
continuously comixing in a static mixing nozzle the dye/polymer solution with an aqueous phase at relative rates sufficient to precipitate dye-containing polymer particles ranging in size ranging from 5 nm to 500 nm and having a particle size distribution width of  $\leq 40\%$  of the at least one dye in a polymer matrix.

<sup>2</sup>  
Claim ~~13~~. (Original) A process as claimed in Claim ~~12~~,<sup>1</sup> wherein the precipitating of the polymer particles is effected in the presence of a protective colloid.

<sup>3</sup>  
Claim ~~14~~. (Previously Amended) A process as claimed in Claim ~~12~~,<sup>1</sup> wherein the polymer contains ~~/~~<sup>3</sup> in each case based on the total weight of the polymer~~/~~<sup>1</sup> from 30 to 100 % by weight of at least one monomer a, from 0 to 60 % by weight of at least one monomer b

having polar groups and from 0 to 30 % by weight of at least one further monomer c, different from monomer a, in polymerized form.

Claim ~~15~~<sup>4</sup>. (Original) A process as claimed in Claim ~~14~~<sup>3</sup>, wherein the monomer a is selected from the group consisting of esters of  $\alpha,\beta$ -ethylenically unsaturated C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> monocarboxylic acids or C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-dicarboxylic acids with C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>-alkanols, vinyl esters of C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>12</sub> monocarboxylic acids, aromatic vinyl compounds and C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> olefins.

Claim ~~16~~<sup>5</sup>. (Previously Amended) A process as claimed in Claim ~~14~~<sup>3</sup>, wherein the monomer b is selected from the group consisting of  $\alpha,\beta$ -ethylenically unsaturated C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-monocarboxylic acids,  $\alpha,\beta$ -ethylenically unsaturated C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-dicarboxylic acids with C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>-alkanols and anhydrides thereof, aromatic vinylcarboxylic acids, monoethylenically unsaturated sulfonic acids and phosphonic acids, esters of  $\alpha,\beta$ -ethylenically unsaturated C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-monocarboxylic acids with amino-C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkanols, mono-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylamino-C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkanols or di-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylamino-C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkanols, N-vinyl lactams and esters of  $\alpha,\beta$ -ethylenically unsaturated C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-monocarboxylic acids with C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-hydroxyalcohols or the ethoxylated or propoxylated derivatives thereof.

Claims 17 and 18. (Canceled)